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22 November 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Concurrence in Termination of Contract No.  
CC-28441, Information Fidelity Incorporated

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for concurrence of the undersigned. Such recommendation is contained in Paragraph 6.

25X1 2. Subject contract was originally entered into for procurement of the services of a Scientific Management Group, consisting of a Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Scientist, and other technical and administrative aides to carry out AR research coordinating activities and other related services at the test site. The primary purpose of the contract was to utilize a team relationship then existing between  
25X1 [redacted] and Mr. Herbert Miller, both of whom had theretofore been actively and intimately involved in the AR research portion of the OXCART Program. The justification for establishing a new contractual vehicle for attaining the services of these two gentlemen  
25X1 was to provide an atmosphere and a relationship under which [redacted] scientific best efforts could be assured to the OXCART Program on a continuing basis. Such a contractual interrelationship was at the time considered a necessary, if not the only, condition precedent to  
25X1 [redacted] continued best efforts in the Program.

25X1 3. From an evaluation of performance under this contract, the Chief, Development Branch, DPD, and the Special Scientific Advisor, DPD, report reasonable satisfaction with the progress made from the beginning of the contract effort through the period ending approximately 30 October -- on or about which later date [redacted] made the personal decision to withdraw from, and to be no longer associated with, Information Fidelity Incorporated.

25X1 4. As soon as it was known that [redacted] was leaving the employment of the Contractor, which, of course, terminated the team concept originally contemplated under the contract, the joint decision was made to terminate this contract forthwith. Such joint and several  
25X1 decision was made by Messrs. Bissell, Keifer, Parangosky, and [redacted]  
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5. As a consequence, Termination Notice was given by [redacted] 5045 dated 6 November 1961. Informed of this termination, Mr. Miller visited Headquarters on 8 November 1961, at which time closing-out procedures were discussed in more detail. It was concluded that such work under this contract should be authorized to continue through 30 November 1961 as was reasonable and necessary to complete (a) preparation and submission of a final report, (b) delivery of simulation equipment, and (c) fabrication and/or procurement of equipment originally intended for installation in the [redacted]

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[redacted] Authorization for this limited continuance of work through 30 November 1961 was evidenced by a letter from the Contracting Officer, dated 8 November 1961, OXC-2562, which letter expressed the intent of the parties to effect reimbursement for such continued work under normal contract invoicing procedures -- thus permitting a no-cost settlement agreement to be appropriate.

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6. Concurrence in termination of this contract as effected by [redacted] 5045 and Contracting Officer's letter dated 8 November 1961, OXC-2562, is recommended.

[redacted]  
Contracting Officer, DPD

CONCURRENCES:

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[redacted]

Controller, DPD

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[redacted]

JOHN PARANGOSKY  
Chief, Development Branch, DPD

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[redacted]

Office of General Counsel, DPD

*November 30, 1961*  
Date

*1 Dec '61*  
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*6 Dec 61*  
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